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Dear Friend -

Many thanks for your excellent letter - And I am glad you have taken up the Sabbath question. I was not in the Meeting when that subject was up - & had I been, the strict parliamentary rules enforced in Mr. Barker's case, would probably have prevented my being heard - Since then, I have acted on my general rule, not to come in contact with English prejudice, more than is absolutely needful. I overworked my ~~at~~ powers, and about the time of the Manchester Meeting, and have since

Do not forget to Remember me most affectionately to Mr. Wallcut & his family.

been conciliatingly a little more moderately.

I spoke the Sunday evening before last, in Rev. Mr. Crosskey's Chapel in Glasgow to a good house, & apparently to good acceptance. He Mr. Crosskey. is a very radical Unitarian minister, quite as much so as Mr. Steinthal, or Mr. Bishop. He is fighting a good fight with the intolerance of his own sect, and with religious Hunkerism in general; and I wish you would write him a letter. You have no idea how well he loves Mr. Parker, & how anxious he is for a visit from him to Scotland - and moreover, how desirous he is for a more perfect bond of union betwixt the Liberal Spirits of his Country and House — Like Mr. Stein that, he is yet quite young, and with better acquaintance with us and our doctrines, may become a most valuable auxiliary — I have done the best in my power to make favorable impressions on his mind — & the work seems not lost.

Professor Nichol too is impatient almost, for a visit from Mr. Parker. He enters into our movements with true enthusiasm — I have had very pleasant visits at his splendid home and Mrs. Nichol seems as devoted as ever — The Patons say they gave nothing to the Bazaar box last year — though they hope to make a donation some other way.

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I rallied the Professor a little on having Kossuth for his guest, & for consenting to preside at his Meeting. He protested that when they invited him to their house "they knew nothing of the Slander correspondence". Still he thinks highly of Kossuth, and declares him much more our friend than we suppose, or than might be prudent just now to have understood. Others tell me the same.

The thing which troubles me most here, is, to find so many of all sorts of creatures, traveling in the name of American Anti Slavery, and picking the people's pockets for Vigilance Committee Canada Missions, Chaplain Funds, Colored Schools in

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the West, & Colored Churches
in Canada. And now another
movement has sprung up in
the name of a Tract Associa-
tion, ~~that~~ proposes to do the
work by sending Anti Slave-
ry Tracts all through the South.
The agent of this last scheme
is a Mr. Vincent — I have seen
him, and heard him — and
he "put the licks into the Amer-
ican Churches," as James Buf-
fum says, with a will,
and seemed a true hearted man.
But as to Pennington, Gar-
net, Ward, Hemming, Henson,
Gloucester, & that fry, they are
an outrage on all decency, &
a scandal to the name of Anti Slavery.

I have published a long letter
about their deeds in several papers, a copy of
which I will send you or you will see in the Advocate. - Indeed
a large part of it has already
gone to the Liberator,
though not all, and if you deem
it suitable Standard matter,
you may send the enclosed
copy to Oliver for its columns.

You ask about the state
of my finances - I have some
things left yet - My solicitude
is more for my family - I have
a little money that has
been in Mr. Phillips' hands
some time, and which my
wife can draw upon if she
is in want - But I think
as that is somewhere
invested, I shall propose
to some one, most likely perhaps

to Mr. Hovey, that he supply
any immediate want, and
let me be his debtor till my
return — the money we
have in Mr. Phillips's hands
will be a guaranty to him
for a certain repayment.
I appreciate your kindness
in the enquiry you make, and
also the delicacy of your manner —
your not having apologized for making it.
And when there is necessity, (as
I hope there may not be) of any
further remittancy to me, I
shall feel no hesitation in
giving you a full statement
of my pecuniary condition.
I am endeavoring to conduct
my movements with the same
regard to economy, which I practice at home —

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I do not travel so much as you might suppose - so that my money holds out pretty well. The fatigue and excitement of travelling & of continually encountering new sights and scenes fatigues me very much - especially does it affect my brain. And so when the Manchester, Glasgow Belfast or Dublin friends urge my stay among them, my inclination is to yield to their persuasions. I spent September in Scotland, visiting Glasgow, Edinboro' Aberdeen & various smaller places - though seeing but few people. Abolitionists of our stripe are scarce as comets there. Mrs Stowe in Scotland did us no good

While in Edinburgh your letter came
and I procured the publication of the
bracketed part in the *Scottish Press* one
of the most influential journals in Scot-
land – Since then I have with Mr.
Paton's aid had in two papers in Glas
gow – Now it has gone to the Advo
cate and then I will send it to the
Manchester Ex. & Times. Rev. Mr. Guest
of Leeds has replied to you in the
Scottish Press, & I have rejoined up
on him – You shall see the articles
if I can possibly get them.

My Pennington Letter has
gone into several papers, and
the Glasgow folks got it printed on slips
for wider Circulation.

The Barker Case makes
a good deal of sensation – He
was certainly gagged, and un
questionably for his principles – The
Manchester Meeting could not bear
the Free Speech of the Melodeon. I

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did not like Mr Thompson on that subject any better than you did on the Sunday question — I went out with Mr. Barker partly to show my sympathy & partly to go with him to the Rail way for conversation — And while I was out the Sunday question was debated, so that I did not hear it.

I spoke last Sunday evening to a little Meeting in a sort of Comouter Unitarian Chapel. But, as in Glasgow the abolitionists so called mostly staid at home because it was the Sunday.

I am going up to London next month to see Chamerovzow's "Conference" — I could write you a volume about him — pro & con — particularly con. I hope Miss Estlin has told you how that she gave him letters a month since to the Chapmans & Westo in Paris, & how he pulled the wool over all their eyes. — But I have time for no more today, & must close this hasty and desultory note by subscribing with unabated friendship & affection for you & yours —

Parker Pillsb

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The appendix—

Thompson has written Miss Estlin what he thinks is very favourable to Chamerovzow— yet—and almost endorsing him.

I ~~thought~~ this letter was done, & so it would have been but that Mr. Estlin has just sent me a very long letter from Chamerovzow in the hope probably that it may do much to reconcile me to that successor of John Scoble in a movement to neutralize the labours of American abolitionists. The letter contains this passage = "I am not judged by my acts, but by a standard set up by others, which is actually inapplicable in this country." Mr. Estlin marked this passage, and in his own note to me writes thus: "Mr. Ch. truly extricates himself in the passage I have pencilled." To me, the "extrication" is not at all apparent. Ch. has sent me a most polite invitation to be at the London A. S. Conference 28 November. You can hardly fancy the difficulty of my position. He has completely reason over the Estlins to his own personal views of the B. & F. Society, and extorts from them gr Credit for so earnestly labouring to unite that body, if it be a body, wit the American, & all genuine abolitionists. I see no hope of any but a **Sham**. Union — & I hate like Carlyle, all Shams. Wm. W. Brown can tell you what reason I have to hold such a proposition in patient abeyance. What I fear is, but this is between ourselves, that at the London Conference, even Geo. Thompson will oppose#, or not advocate a Resolution endorsing or recognizing the Am. A. S. Society. Such a Resolution must go in then if I do — and if Joseph Sturge & Geo. W. Alexander will push it, & not ignore us wholly as heretofore then I shall be ready to talk of Union — I hope to hear from you via Mr. Webb, Dublin before the Conference. I wish I was able to copy the whole of Chs. letter to Mr. Estlin for you to see

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